

Remarks

Objection

Claim 9 has been amended to correct the noted informality. This amendment does not narrow the scope of claim 9.

Rejections

In sections 8 and 9 of the Office action, claims 14-17 and 22-25 were found to be allowable, while claims 13 was allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate all the limitations of the claim 13. Since this claim has been found to be allowable, claims 2-12 which depend on claim 1 should also be allowable. Rejected claims 18-21 have been cancelled.

Although the Applicants do not agree with the rejections, in the interest of securing a patent at the earliest date the Applicants are amending the claims to include only allowed subject matter.

Conclusion

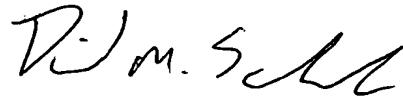
The present claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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